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FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 2259

AMEMBASSY ANKARA IMMEDIATE

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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEC, TU

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION THREAT

REF: ANKARA 4011 AND BEIRUT 5864

1. EMBOFFS CONFERRED WITH GOL G-2 WHO HAVE AGREED PROVIDE NECESSARY COOPERATION IN ATTEMPT APPREHEND EXTORTIONIST. WE PLAN FOLLOWING SCENARIO IF DEPT. CONCURS:

A. TURKISH LANGUAGE OFFICER, IF PROVIDED BY ANKARA OR ISTANBUL, WOULD TAKE CALL ALONE IN SECURITY OFFICE.

B. IN NEARBY ROOM WOULD BE COMMAND CENTER WHERE CALL WOULD BE MONITORED AND RECORDED WITHOUT CALLER' S BEING ALERTED. CHARGE, TURKISH SPEAKER HOPEFULLY GOL ARMY OFFICER, GOL G-2 LIAISON OFFICER AND RSO WOULD BE IN CENTER. WILL HAVE DIRECTSOOMMO LINK WITH SWITCHBOARD WHERE RCO TELEPHONE TECHNICIAN WILL BE STATIONED TO ADVISE WHICH ONE OF EMBASSY' S 20 OUTSIDE LINES CALL IS ON. THIS INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED G-2 LIAISON WHO WILL OPEN LINE WITH PTT WHERE CALL WILL BE TRACED. G-2 LIAISON OFFICER WILL NOTIFY HIS OPERATIONS CENTER WHEN LOCATION FROM WHICH CALL MADE IS KNOWN. G-2 WILL HAVE APPROXIMATELY 5 OR 6 PATROLS STATIONED AROUND BEIRUT READY CONVERGE ON CALL LOCATION IN ATTEMPT ARREST CALLER. HOWEVER, WE ARE NOT OPTIMISTIC THAT TRACING AND REACTION CAN BE QUICJA ENOUGH TO APPREHEND CALLER. WE WOULD PLAN TO RECEIVE CALL FROM 0800 TO 1200 ON MAY 25.

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2. DOES EMBASSY ANKARA HAVE ANY IDEA WHOM CALLER MIGHT ASK FOR HERE? ONE OF REAL DIFFICULTIES THAT WE CAN FORESEE IS WHAT INSTRUCTIONS SHOULD BE GIVEN TO LOCAL TELEPHONE OPERATOR AS TO CALLS TO BE PUT THROUGH TO THE SECURITY OFFICE.

3. G-2 VOLUNTEERED THAT IT WILLING TO PRETEND THAT THEY ARE DELIVERING MONEY TO CALLER SHOULD TRACING OF CALL FAIL TO APPREHEND HIM. EMBASSY WOULD NOT BE DIRECTLY INVOLVED. HOWEVER, IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCE, WE WOULD PROVIDE EMBASSY VEHICLE WITHOUT DIPLOMATIC PLATES EQUIPPED WITH PROTECTIVE MOBILE RADIO. THIS WOULD PERMIT OCCUPANT OF CAR TO PROVIDE LOCATION AND ANY INFORMATION HE MIGHT RECEIVE BY USE HIDDEN MICROPHONE WHICH WILL TRANSMIT ANY CONVERSATION IN CAR WITHOUT MANUAL AND THUS OBVIOUS USE OF RADIO'S REGULAR MICROPHONE.

4. G-2 WOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL FOR ANY TECHNICAL ADVISE DEPT. COULD PROVIDE RE OPERATION.
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